

Weekly Status & Information Report:  
January 28 – February 1, 2013

1. Official City Meetings Scheduled the Week of February 4, 2013:

- City Council meeting, Monday, February 4, 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium
- City Manager Selection Task Force meeting, Monday, February 4, 7:30 p.m. in the Azalea Room
- Ethics Commission meeting, Tuesday, February 5, 7:30 p.m. in the Hydrangea Room

All meetings are held in the Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue, and are open to the public unless noted otherwise. To confirm that a meeting will be held as scheduled, call the City Clerk at 301-891-7267 or email [jessiec@takomagov.org](mailto:jessiec@takomagov.org). (City Clerk)

2. Adult Softball and Flag Football 2013: Today, February 1, 2013, registrations begin for our Adult Softball League which starts April 14, 2013. Along with softball, we have started registration for our first ever Flag Football League for children 6-14 yrs old. The Flag Football League is a partnership between TPRD and the Takoma Park Boys and Girls Club. The Flag Football League will begin April 13, 2013. (Recreation)

3. Bedtime Stories: Our monthly Bedtime Stories program for babies, toddlers, preschoolers and their grown-ups will take place on Monday, February 4 at 7:00 p.m. Come join us – in pjs, if you like! – for this half-hour program of songs, rhymes and stories. No registration required. (Library)

4. Film Screening - Wednesday, February 6: This month's "We are Takoma" screening, offered in partnership with Docs in Progress, features two short films: "Over the Hurricane with Dr. Z" by Aziza Baccouche about a scientific journey into the eye of the storm, and "Under Fire: Free Tutoring At Risk" by David Long, exploring the value of tutoring services provided to struggling students as part of the federal No Child Left Behind law. Discussion following the screening. Wednesday, February 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the Takoma Park Community Center (7500 Maple Avenue). Free Admission [www.facebook.com/TakomaParkMD/events](http://www.facebook.com/TakomaParkMD/events). (Housing and Community Development)

5. Passion in Court of the Virgin Queen - Saturday, February 9: The lute songs and solos of this "We are Takoma" program come from the musical treasury of late 16th and early 17th century England. Mezzo-soprano Barbara Hollinshead and lutenist Howard Bass present a pre-Valentines Day story of love in four short acts, encompassing passionate beginnings, courtship, disappointment, and the ever-hoped-for happy ending. Saturday, February 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the Takoma Park Community Center (7500 Maple Avenue). Free Admission [www.facebook.com/TakomaParkMD/events](http://www.facebook.com/TakomaParkMD/events). (Housing and Community Development)

6. Valentine Making: On Saturday, February 9, from 1:30-4:00 p.m., kids are invited to come and make valentines for the special people in their lives. We'll supply the materials – kids supply the creativity! Registration is required, however, to ensure that we have enough supplies for all. To register, please go to [www.tinyurl.com/tplibraryevents](http://www.tinyurl.com/tplibraryevents) or call us at 301-891-7259. (Library)

7. Black History Month Program: Teens and adults, please mark your calendars for Thursday, February 21, at 7:30 p.m. when we'll welcome young adult author Gigi Amateau, author of "Come August, Come Freedom" for a special Black History Month program. Amateau's book, aimed at ages 12 up, is based on the true story of a literate Richmond, VA slave named Gabriel who plotted a rebellion to try to secure freedom for himself and others. At our event, Amateau will read from "Come August, Come Freedom" and then take questions. Politics & Prose bookstore will be selling Amateau's book to anyone who wants to purchase it and have her sign it, but our program is free and no purchase is required. Program registration is encouraged; to register, please go to [www.tinyurl.com/tplibraryevents](http://www.tinyurl.com/tplibraryevents) or call us at 301-891-7259. (Library)

8. Zumba Gold: Twenty adults, age 55 and older, are moving and grooving on Tuesdays in the new session of Zumba Gold which began January 22. The Zumba Gold workout is the Latin inspired dance fitness program that makes working out fun, while providing active adults with the opportunity to improve balance, flexibility and cardiovascular strength. For more information, please contact Paula Lisowski, Seniors Program Manager, at 302-891-7280 or [PaulaL@takomagov.org](mailto:PaulaL@takomagov.org). (Recreation)

9. Ladies Boot Camp II off to a Good Start!: On Saturdays at 10:30 a.m., Takoma Park Recreation Center is the place to be. Ladies Boot Camp II happens to be the next phase in cardio and muscle conditioning. It is designed to continue to give you that awesome, fierce look. This workout will push your endurance and current conditioning to the greatest extent. The intervals will be longer and the movements will be more complex. Core and body exercises will reach new levels of intensity. You will be tested! So if you have taken Ladies Boot Camp I, you will love Ladies Boot Camp II. For more information, contact John Webster at 301-891-7289 or [johnw@takomagov.org](mailto:johnw@takomagov.org). (Recreation)

10. Futsal League 2013: Futsal began this past Sunday at the Takoma Park Recreation Center for grades 2-4. All the teams showed up for their games and played for an hour. We also had volunteers from another Futsal program in Washington D.C. help keep score and referee. The participants enjoyed the arena-style atmosphere as their parents cheered them on from behind the game play barriers. It was a great start to an exciting six week season. (Recreation)

11. Winter Basketball League 2013: The WBL remains running smoothly every week. This week only, there will be no games for 5th-6th grade boys and 7th-8th grade coed league due to a yearly event at Takoma Park Middle School. Those games will be made up at the end of the regular season. (Recreation)

12. Bridge Work to Begin on New Hampshire Avenue (MD650): Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) will be starting

work on the New Hampshire Avenue (MD650) bridge over Sligo Creek in February. During construction, the Sligo Creek Trail crossing will be detoured to the signal at Erskine Avenue. For more information, see <http://apps.roads.maryland.gov/WebProjectLifeCycle/ProjectInformation.aspx?projectno=MO4232115> or contact SHA District 3 at 301-513-7300. (Housing and Community Development)

13. New Ave Garden Grant - Deadline Extended: The application deadline for the New Ave Garden Grant is extended to March 1, 2013. Grants fund long term improvements for your community to make a difference, from a small tree that is watered and cared for to a full park renovation! To learn more and apply, contact the Planning Division at 301-891-7119 or see <http://www.theNewAve.com/explore/parks-and-nature/gardening-greening-grant> (<http://www.thenewave.com/explore/parks-and-nature/gardening-greening-grant>). (Housing and Community Development)

14. Tenant Summit Held on January 26: Fifteen tenants from various rental properties in Takoma Park attended the Tenant Summit that was held on Saturday, January 26 in the Takoma Park Community Center. There was a lively discussion on issues of common concern, ranging from non-responsiveness of landlords in regard to repairs and extermination services, how to keep a tenant association active, and what this group can do to help tenants have more protection from two month no cause notices to vacate. The next Summit is planned for Saturday, May 18. All tenants are invited to attend. For further information, call 301.891.7222. (Housing and Community Development)

15. Planning Board Public Hearing on Long Branch Sector Plan: City Planning staff testified at the Planning Board Public Hearing on Thursday, January 31 on behalf of the City, discussing points raised in Resolution 2013-6, passed at Monday night's City Council meeting. The Public Hearing was well attended by residents and property owners in the Long Branch area. The public record is open for additional written testimony submissions through March 7 while the Planning Board deliberates on the Plan. To see the draft plan and submit comments for the record, see: <http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/community/longbranch/>. (Housing and Community Development)

16. Crime Report: The most recent Takoma Park Police Weekly Crime Report (January 25-31, 2013) may be viewed online at <http://cathylevy.blogspot.com/2013/02/takoma-park-police-department-weekly.html>. (Police)

17. Traffic Enforcement: Officers conducted at least 132 traffic stops, which resulted in citations, two arrests from traffic and three vehicle impounds. (Police)

#### January 26, 2013

- 7500 block of New Hampshire Avenue (speed enforcement) – conducted a 90-minute detail and issued four State citations.
- Flower Avenue & Garland Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued two State citations.

#### January 27, 2013

- New Hampshire Avenue & East West Highway (observation and suspensions enforcement) - conducted a two-hour detail and issued 10 State citations and 12 warnings.
- 7500 block of New Hampshire Avenue (speed enforcement) - conducted a two-hour detail and issued six State citations and three warnings.

#### January 28, 2013

- Fenton Street & Takoma Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued two State citations and five warnings.
- Elm Avenue & Lincoln Avenue (traffic circle enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.
- Flower Avenue & Garland Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.
- Erskine Street & 13th Place (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued two State citations and one warning.

#### January 29, 2013

- Ethan Allen Avenue & Jackson Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.
- Elm Avenue & Lincoln Avenue (traffic circle enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued two State citations and one warning.
- Erskine Street & 13th Place (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued two State citations and two warnings.

#### January 30, 2013

- Flower Avenue & Garland Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued four State citations.
- Elm Avenue & Lincoln Avenue (traffic circle enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.

#### January 31, 2013

- Flower Avenue & Garland Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one State citation.
- Elm Avenue & Lincoln Avenue (traffic circle enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued no citations or

warnings. (Police)

18. Traffic Officer Stats (Pfc. Walter Smith):

Week of January 28-31

State citations: 20

Calls for service: 13

Reports: 5

Safety Equipment Repair Order (SERO): 11

Field Investigative Reports (FIR) written: 3

Warnings: 6

On-view Arrests: 1

Foot patrol: 3 hours

Court: 5 hours

(Police)